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Applicants:	Raffi Codilian	)	Confirmation No.	4573
Serial No.:	10/062,955	)	Art Unit:	2652
Filed:	01/31/2002	)	Examiner:	Julie Anne Watko
For:	DISK DRIVE HAVING	)		
	DISK DRIVE HOUSING	)		
	INCLUDING AIRFLOW	)		
	SUPPRESSOR PORTION	)		

**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.131 (Establishing Completion of  
Invention in a NAFTA Country after December 8, 1993)**

I, Raffi Codilian, the inventor in the above-identified patent application, hereby  
declare as follows:

1. That at least as of August 29, 2001, I conceived the subject matter of the invention disclosed in the Application.
2. Attached as Exhibit A is a copy of a page from my inventor's note book, page 121. Such page was signed and dated by me on August 29, 2001. Such conception took place at my company's facilities in California, U.S.A. The page depicts a plan view of the disk drive with a generally triangular "wind breaker" upstream of a head stack assembly. Further depicted is a leading side of such "wind breaker" being aligned generally tangential with an inner disk edge.
3. Several weeks later, on or about October 17, 2001, I submitted this concept in writing to the appropriate department within my company, Western Digital Technologies, Inc. (assignee of record). On December 18, 2001, I met with outside legal counsel regarding

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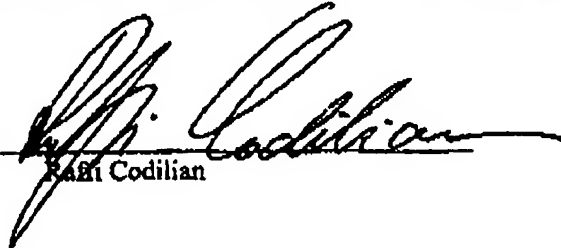
disclosure of the subject matter of the Application. Thereafter, I cooperated with outside legal counsel which culminated in the filing of the present Application on January 31, 2002.

4. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statement made on information and belief are believed to be true. I further state that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this Application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Date:

8/31/2004

By:

  
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